

Grade 8 Persuasive Writing Task

WRITING SITUATION

Your school is considering a proposal to stop giving grades. Instead, students will take a single test at the end of the school year to determine whether they will be promoted to the next grade. Students have strong opinions about this proposal. Some students believe it is a good idea, and other students disagree.

You decide to write an editorial for your school newspaper expressing your opinion about this proposal.

WRITING TASK

Write an editorial for your school newspaper expressing your opinion about the proposal to stop giving grades and to have a single test at the end of the school year to determine whether students will be promoted to the next grade. Be sure to include reasons, facts, examples, and other evidence to support your position.

Grade 8 Explanatory Writing Task

Think about a place where you would like to live when you become an adult. It could be a place where you have already lived, the place where you live now, or a place you have never visited.

Write an essay for your social studies teacher in which you identify a place where you would like to live when you become an adult. Explain why you would like to live in this place. Be sure to use details, reasons, and examples in your explanation.